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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR CONVERTING A FLOATING DRILLING RIG TO A BOTTOM SUPPORTED DRILLING RIG, the specification of which:

- ☒ is attached hereto.
☐ was filed on _ as Application Serial No. _ and was amended on _____.
☐ was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____ filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information I know to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Country	Application No.	Filing Date	Priority Claimed
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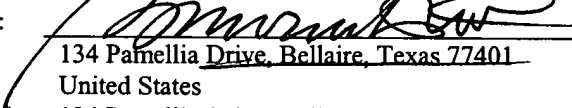
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